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(*b*) whether there is any proposal to extend this scheme to high schools also?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister): (*a*) (i) Boys—37,563.

(ii) Girls—The scheme of compulsory N.C.C. Training does not apply to them. They are enrolled on voluntary basis only and their strength was 2,667.

(*b*) No, Sir.

திரு. ஆர். வெங்கடாசலம்: தலைவர் அவர்களே, இந்தத் திட்டத்திற்கு ஆன செலவு எவ்வளவு? ஏன் இதை உயர்நிலைப் பள்ளிகளுக்கு விஸ்தரிக்கக்கூடாது?

கனம் திரு. ஆர். வெங்கடராமன்: செலவு சம்பந்தமான புள்ளி விவரம் என்னிடம் தற்போது இல்லை. தனிக்கேள்வி கேட்டால் சொல்ல முடியும்.

State Aid to Industries Act, 1923

* 29 *Q.*—SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of industries which have been granted aid of Rs. one lakh and more under the State Aid to Industries Act, 1923, during the last five years; and

(*b*) the amount of loan (i) granted and (ii) recovered during the above period?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: (*a*) & (*b*) A statement* is placed on the table of the House.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR: May I know whether there was any difficulty in recovering the defaulted amounts?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Not to my knowledge, Sir. I do not think there has been any default.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: For some of the companies mentioned here loans have been given in 1961–62. Will the Hon. Minister tell us why the annuity has not been fixed?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Particulars furnished in column (4) are in respect of recoveries made. Only in respect of items (6) and (7) it has not been fixed by the department by the time the answer was prepared. The rate of interest is well-known but the life of the machinery is also taken into account in fixing the annuity. Supposing the machinery will last for 15 years, the annuity will be based on 15 years. If it is ten years, then it will be fixed on the basis of ten years. It is because the life of the machinery has not been fixed.

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SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Is the assistance given in cash or is it given in machinery?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The aid is given as loan out of which they can purchase the machinery.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : If instalments are paid on the due dates, what are the steps taken to recover the amounts?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The Revenue Recovery Act is applicable to them.

Retirement age

* 30 *Q.*—SRI M. RAJAH IYER : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to raise the age of retirement for technical and scientific personnel in Government service to 58; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter stands?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI M. RAJAH IYER : In view of the fact that there is dearth of scientific and technical personnel, will it not be proper for the Government to reconsider the decision to raise the age of retirement of the Government servants to 58?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : In view of the dearth of technical personnel, they are given re-employment and this decision has been taken based on a number of considerations. Where there is really dearth of qualified personnel and where a person is physically fit and can continue to work and if the person has special qualifications and training, these are taken into account and in deserving cases re-employment is given.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Is it not a fact that there is dearth of scientific and technical personnel in Government service?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : It cannot be said generally that there is dearth of personnel in Government departments. There are specific fields in which there is dearth.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : In view of the fact that the age of retirement of Government servants has been raised in some other States and in the Centre, will this Government consider this favourably and raise the age to 58?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The State Government have considered it and they have taken the decision that the age of retirement need not be raised.